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APPLICATION FOR THE
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

2013

Please complete this section legibly.

Name of Applicant: Harrow Harriett Ms.
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

Voter Registration Number (VUID): 1140465682

Residence Address (must be a fixed location in the City of Austin):

8230 Summer Place Drive Austin TX 78759
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address (if different from Residence Address)

(Street Address or PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Contact Phone: 512-346-0484

Contact Email Address: hharrow@austin.rr.com

Spouse's Name: MacLean Paul Howard Mr.
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

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Conflicts of Interest

The information below is required to help the City Auditor identify any conflict of interest you may have.

Within 5 years of the application date, have you or your spouse:	
Been appointed to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been elected to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a candidate for a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of the campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county, or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a registered state or local lobbyist?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 3 years of the application date, have you or your spouse been:	
A paid employee of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
In the last City Election did you or your spouse:	
Contribute or bundle one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in aggregate to candidates for City of Austin elective office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Personal Background Information

- **Ethnicity:** English and Irish
- **Race:** Caucasian
- **Gender:** ☐ Male ☒ Female
- **Age: (Please check your response)**
☐ 18 to 24 ☐ 25 to 34 ☐ 35 to 44 ☐ 45 to 54 ☐ 55 to 64 ☒ 65+
- **Education level: (Please check any that apply)**
☐ High School Diploma or GED
☐ Some College (major _____)
☐ Associate's Degree (major _____)
☒ Bachelor's Degree (major journalism & English)
☐ Post-Graduate Degree, indicate highest degree attained: (subject _____)

Qualifications

Please describe your relevant analytical skills.

As a communications consultant for 28 years, I crafted award-winning projects for clients in industries as diverse as high tech, finance, retailing, automotive, cable t.v., pharmaceuticals, real estate and many more. I typically produced a video script, corporate capabilities brochure or other material in a one-week time frame from research through writing to client presentation. This was possible because I could analyze reams of relevant data quickly, as well as getting varieties of people to trust me with details of their work lives. The audiences for my projects included dignitaries and others touring Toyota's first-in-the-U.S. automotive plant in Georgetown, KY and city councils in numerous states for a cable t.v. company seeking a franchise, among countless others.

In my spare time, I served as President of the Summerwood Homeowners' Association (136 housing units and 200+ residents) in Northwest Austin, and as its Treasurer, managing an annual operating and reserves budget totaling over \$600,000. Obviously, both positions required analyzing situations relating to real estate and housing, maintenance and repair, residents' complaints and requests, and numerous financial issues.

Please describe your ability to be impartial.

I was blessed to have parents who were models of impartiality, though they'd prefer the term "being fair." My Presbyterian grandparents did not object when their daughter converted to Catholicism to marry my Dad, explaining, "We all say the same Lord's Prayer." My (white) parents welcomed into our family the 2-year-old black orphan boy my sister and her (white) husband adopted, an unusual stance 50 years ago. Impartiality was drilled into me in journalism school by professors who taught that news media served the public good only if reporters presented all sides of an issue fairly and accurately. Similarly, the common weal is not served unless political districts are drawn impartially, rather than gerrymandered to serve political interests of any one group. I'm proud to be from a state, Iowa, that has a nonpartisan redistricting commission. And I believe that impartiality is best achieved by listening to the views of the greatest numbers of affected citizens.

I'm also impartial enough to realize that there's a very great deal I do not know about redistricting.

Please describe your appreciation for the City of Austin's diverse demographics and geography.

I believe appreciating diversity runs deeper than patronizing a variety of ethnic restaurants, as enjoyable as that may be. Its highest form is respecting, if not guaranteeing, the rights of all ethnic, racial and religious groups, and both genders. To that end, I direct you to my columns published in the American-Statesman on November 30, 2010, about the death penalty and on June 15, 2012, about child labor in agricultural fields. These show sensitivity by me, a white woman, to the disproportionate number of African-Americans on death row in Texas, and to the abuses of Hispanic children as young as six working in dangerous conditions. My "Tales of the City" column on October 23, 2011 lauds the efforts of Austinites in several lines of work who helped an abused wife muster the courage to leave her husband. In such ways, I try to both defend and celebrate Austin's diversity. (The columns can be seen by typing "Harrow" into the search box at www.statesman.com.)

Please provide any other information you wish to be considered during the selection of the most qualified applicants for the Commission.

In the 1970s I served on the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women. I have taught journalism to prison inmates, and lectured college students in two states on communications. I'm a graduate of Temple University's Institute of Survey Research. I retired from my communications consulting in 2006.

I send best wishes and full support to those chosen for the Redistricting Commission, for they will be engaged in very important work.

DISCLAIMER

By submitting this application, I understand that I am giving the City Auditor permission to release my information to the public. In particular, I affirmatively consent to the release of the contact email address I have provided.

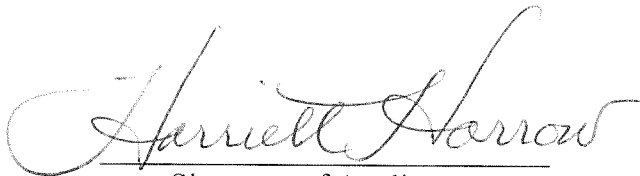
If I am appointed, my address, contact phone number and contact email address will be included on the City of Austin's website.

I understand my application is public information under the Texas Public Information Act. The information will be kept according to the City Auditor's records retention policies.

I understand that my participation on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is voluntary.

I understand the duties and terms of service for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission as described above.

Under penalty of law, I swear or affirm that the preceding information in this application is in all things true and correct.



Signature of Applicant



Date